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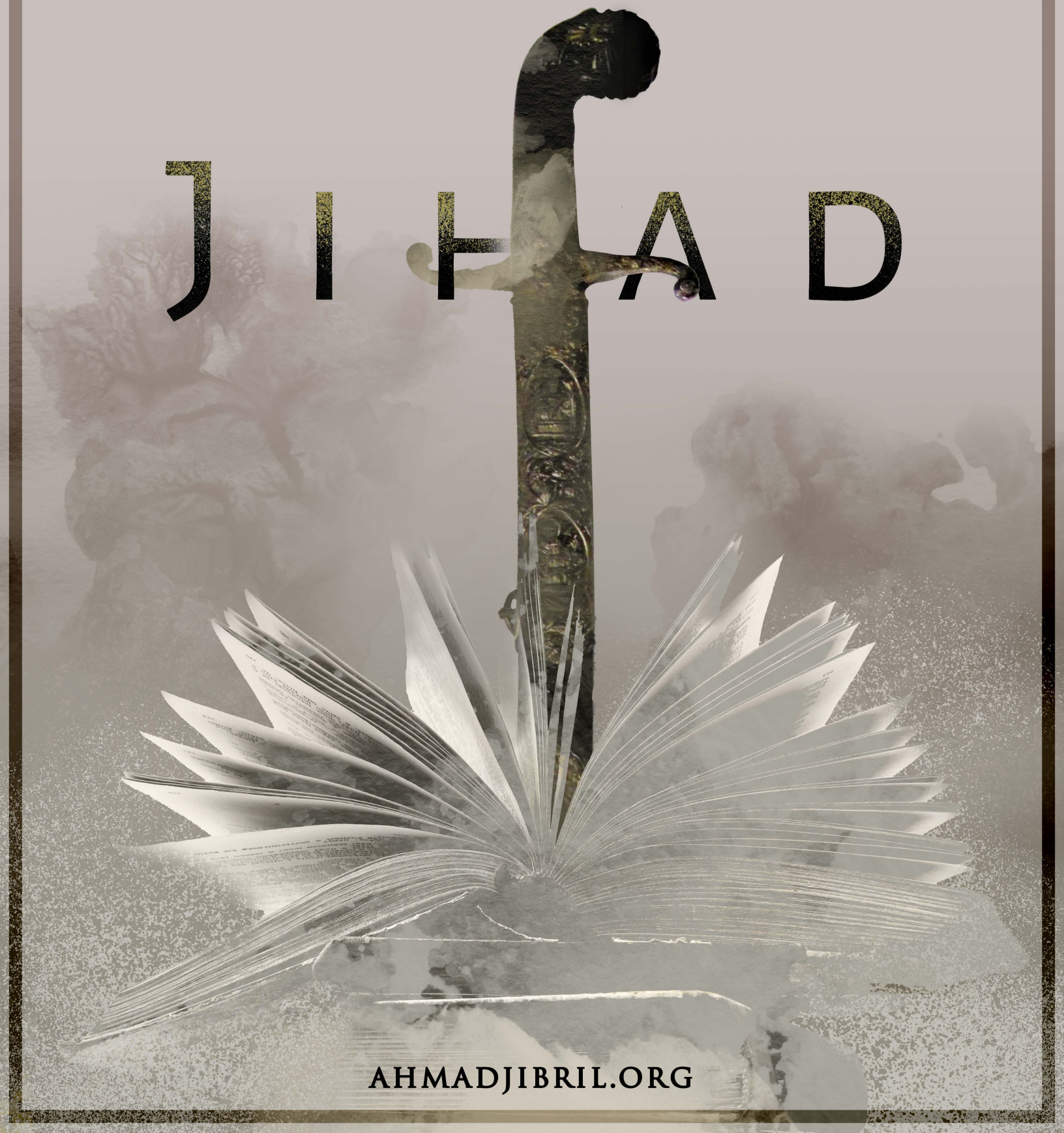

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Question:

What's the authenticity of the Hadīth: "We returned from the lesser Jihād to the Greater Jihād"?

Answer:

The question is about a statement, in Arabic it's: رجعنا من الجهاد الأصغر إلى جهاد الأكبر. It's not authentic. Supposedly, the Messenger ﷺ returned from a battle, and he said, we've returned from the lesser Jihād, and they mean by the lesser Jihād – the fighting of the kuffār, and the physical Jihād; to the greater Jihād – which is the spiritual internal struggle.

Ad-Daylamī related this statement, al-Bayhaqi related it and said it's weak, Ibn Taymiyyah said: لا أصل له — there is no origin to it. And Ibn Taymiyyah said it wasn't narrated by the people of knowledge that the Messenger ﷺ said it, and As-Suyūti said something similar, he said: "*It s not attributable to the Messenger* ﷺ." So, the statement is classified as Munkar (rejected).

Since we're on the topic, let me add something. That Hadīth is not like many of the weak Ahādith people mention – we already know it's very dangerous to attribute fabricated Ahādith to the Messenger ﷺ. In this case, it's even more dangerous. Why? Because this statement has been used ever so frequently as of late, and it's always cited in a deceptive way.

The promoters of the American Zionist "Islām" use it in an attempt to cancel out Jihād, or to alter the meaning of Jihād, or to diminish its importance. Jihād has two Shar'i meanings.

One of the meanings of the Jihād is '*Jihād an-Nafs*.' Shar'i meanings are the meanings that you're supposed to get when you see them in the Qur'ān and Sunnah. When you see Jihād in the Qurā'n and Sunnah, it has two shar'i meanings. The hypocrites and those with a sickness in their hearts want you to think the only meaning of Jihād in Islām, the only meaning of Jihād in the Qur'ān and Sunnah, is the *Jihād an-Nafs*, the spiritual struggle, the internal struggle. They want you to think the only Jihād in Islām is the Jihād against your desires and against the Shaytān.

The Jihād or struggle to deter yourself from sins, the Jihād of resisting temptations, the Jihād of purifying the soul. There's absolutely no doubt that's a form of Jihād in Islām, but it's not the only form.

Everyone knows this Shar'i meaning of Jihād, because that's what the sick-hearted deviants want you to think Jihād is all about. They want you to think this is the only form of Jihād in Islām. The bad news for these sick-hearted hypocrites, is there's another Shar'i meaning of Jihād in the Qur'ān and in the Sunnah.

It's the Jihād of the kuffār and munāfiqīn. It's the Jihād for the sake of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى, fighting the enemies of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى. Al-Asfahānī, Al-Kāsānī, al-Buhūtī and many others said, Jihād is the physical fighting for the sake of Allāh.

It's fighting to raise the banner of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى high.

بذل الجهد في قتال الكفار لإعلاء كلمة الله.

Exerting effort in the fight against disbelievers to uphold the word of Allah.

The second type of Jihād was defined by the Messenger ﷺ himself in al Musnad Ahmad, a man asked the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ:

وما الجهاد؟

What is Jihād?

The Messenger ﷺ said:

أن تقاتل الكفار إذا لقيَتهم

To fight the kuffār if you meet them.

Once the Messenger ﷺ defines it, that's all you need. This is the second type. So, we said Jihād is two types in the Qur'ān and the Sunnah. Now when we see a verse or a Hadīth, how do we know which Jihād? Is it the *Jihād of the kuffār* or is it the *Jihād of the Nafs*? Usually, the context of the verse or Hadīth are very clear on what form of Jihād it is. Sometimes, a Hadīth may even mention both forms of Jihād. It's clear in the context, and the 'Ulamā of Haqq have explained each Ayah and Hadīth.

Now if Jihād is mentioned broad and general, not restricted to either the *Jihād of the Nafs* or the *Jihād of the kuffār*, **then it means the *Jihād of the kuffār***.

When it's mentioned broad and general without being restricted to a specific meaning, it means fighting for the Sake of Allāh; it means Qitāl.

Ibn Rushd summarized everything I just said in a one liner. He said:

فكل من أتعب نفسه في ذات الله فقد جاهد في سبيله إلا أن الجهاد إذا أطلق لا يقع إلا على مجاهدة الكفار بالسيف

Everyone who exerts an effort for the Sake of Allāh has done Jihād. Except when it is mentioned generally [without restriction], then it only applies to fighting of the kuffār with swords.

Ibn Rushd said, when Jihād is mentioned broad, general, unconditional then it's fighting the kuffār with the sword. So, the context will tell you what type of Jihād it is. And the 'Ulamā explained it, if the Jihād is broad and general in any verse or any Hadīth, then its Jihād of the kuffār physically. When you understand this, you understand that when Allāh سبحانه وتعالى orders Jihād, qitāl, which is war – and the Messenger ﷺ ordered it; then it's Holy.

Ghazwah, the definition of Ghazwah means battles against the kuffār which the Messenger ﷺ himself led. He went on 28 of the Ghazawāt, that's Holy War.

So yes, **there is Holy War in Islām**, it's Jihād.

This may be a surprise to many who grew up in the West, especially those who were born or grew up post 9/11, because of the growing number of the Munafiqīn who are spreading the American Zionist "Islām," – which in reality has nothing to do with Islām – that version of Islām is an Islām that suits the enemies. It's a version of Islām where they've eliminated the term Jihād from it, or rather its proper definition. You have some zanādiqah telling the Ummah that the verses of Jihād *only* apply to the Sahābah and others telling you that there's no holy war in Islām.

The one who's been spreading that "*there s no holy war in Islām*" has been defecating zandaqah out of his mouth for the past 20 years, downplaying the legislation of Allāh, and likewise the Hudūd, saying their application is only a "fairy tale." Staying true to his roots, with the on-going ethnic cleansing that's taking place in Gaza, he comes up with a new one: "*there s no Holy War in Islām*."

Many don't know, especially those young in age, this same individual who says "there's no holy war in Islām," actually "blessed" the war on 'Irāq when Bush declared it. He is on record clapping for Bush in the speech where Bush declared war on 'Irāq.
So, the flames of war the kuffār wage against Muslims are holy, but when Muslims defend themselves, there's no Holy War. When we spoke about his zandaqah twenty years ago, when he was at his peak, we were labeled as the "extremists," while the Kuffār, and many so-called Muslims referred to him as the "moderate" alternative.

Now with the current ongoing events that have exposed all, the Muslims in the west, especially the youth from amongst them, need to wake up. The current events are a wakeup call for Muslims to start normalizing mentioning Jihād's proper meaning and putting it back into their vocabulary. Jihād must be a common, normal term on the tongues, on your social media, in the Masājid, and elsewhere. It's time to seek lessons on the rules and regulations of Jihād from its chapters that are in every single reference book of Fiqh (Jurisprudence). It's time to learn the glory and honor of Jihād from the books of Sīrah. It's time the mothers nursed their infants with the love of Jihād, and the ambition of wanting to become a Mujāhid and a Shahīd. It's about time the youth brag about the teachings of Jihād that are in the Qur'ān, the Sunnah, and the Sīrah – and never be ashamed of the teachings that are from Allāh سبحانه وتعالى, whatever they are. Never compromise. Never compromise so the kuffār will think your religion is "cute," or so they like you or like Islām, because they'll never be pleased with you unless you join their faith.

Muslims led the globe; They never cared nor gave *any* consideration into what the kuffār liked or hated. If making a suitable Islām for the west – for the kāfir west – was the solution, then why are they still massacring the Muslims in Gaza and elsewhere, even after most of the "Shuyūkh" gave them the Islām that they wanted? Islām is beautiful the way Allāh سبحانه وتعالى revealed it. It's taught as it is. Take it or leave it. Islām can never be stripped from Jihād, the peak of Islām, no matter how much the Jews of the Qiblah [the murji'ah], and their brothers from the liberals and modernists want to.

The west and the kuffār want Muslims with no Islām. They want so-called Muslims with no Islām! The kāfir west and the Jews of the Qiblah want an Islām with a severed tongue and paralyzed limbs. They want their adherents to promote an Islām with extracted tusks and pulled out fangs. If you teach the pure Islām the way it's revealed by Allāh, the Islām of honor and glory, the West will call you an extremist and the Jews of the Qiblah and the liberals will call you a khāriji. The West and the Jews of the Qiblah, their Shuyūkh, and associated followers want Muslims to be massacred, one massacre after another, one genocide after another, and they want them to take it with a smile on their faces and an open heart.

If they bomb our children, and some of their blood accidentally splashes on the invaders, then those children should apologize. They want an Islām clipped of its wings and nails.

Jihād to Islām is like the center pole of a tent. The center pole of a tent is the primary structural support for keeping the tent upright. They want an Islām with no center pole. Imagine a tent without a center pole in it. They want a tent flat on the floor so they can step all over it. Jihād is the pinnacle of Islām. These da'wah bandits have robbed the Ummah from the honor and glory that comes with the pinnacle of Islām.

It's about time you ask your local imām and community – regardless if it's a masjid of modernists and liberals, or of the Jews of the Qiblah – Ask them: "*Why in the past 20 years haven t you heard an inspirational halaqah, series, khutbah on the true, unadulterated meaning of Jihād*?"

The liberals and modernists are willing to bring politicians whose hands are dripping with the blood of Muslims around the pulpits, telling you to vote for them, but would never be willing to bring someone to teach the pure Tawhīd. They'll bring various kuffār around the pulpits and mihrābs to engage in the kufr of interfaith, but would never sit with someone teaching the pure Tawhīd, Walā and Barā', and that which displeases the kuffār.

When the da'wah thugs encouraged you to vote for Biden in the last elections, they scammed you! And if it was money they scammed you out of, it would be easy, it wouldn't be a big deal. ***But they swindled you out of your Deen!*** They encouraged you to vote for Biden. And now that the Gaza cause is popular, they want to be the '*Malcom X*' of the Palestinian cause. The da'wah thugs hoodwinked you in the holiest of holies, your Deen! They hoodwinked you when they told you to go vote, and to add insult to injury, some of those bandits even considered it wājib.

When there's elections and I'm able to write or speak – over the past 30 years or so – I always take the opportunity to deter Muslims from it and warn them of its danger. In the most recent presidential election – for Biden – I said, and it's documented – this was before the war on Gaza, I said: Aside from the main issue, and what really matters, in that voting goes against the essence of Tawhīd – aside from that – you're voting for someone whose hands are dripping with the blood of Muslims. Biden's a terrorist! Your vote helped put a terrorist in a position of power.

No one forced you to the ballots. You've seen that senile Fir'awn of our time, he lost his mind of everything except his loyalty and support to the Yahūdi occupiers. Where are those bandits? Where are they?

The ones who told you to go vote for him so your voice can "*be heard*." Where are they today? Is your voice being heard in stopping the genocide in Gaza? Or are you a participant in that war by voting for a Fir'awn whom you helped put in power with your vote? Are the missiles, financing, political support, and even the foot soldiers that went from the USA to Palestine to support the Gaza genocide stopping? The US is more to blame for the genocide in Palestine than the occupying Yahūd. You need to understand that. Netanyahu is no more than a dog for Biden, just like the Arab leaders are dogs for Netanyahu. Let's not beat around the bush. Let's be frank and clear.

Let this genocide that tore the hearts of the Ummah, be a 'Aqīdah awakening. Let us learn the true meaning of 'Izzah, honor, and how 'Izzah and victory are truly attained. Let us learn how genocides like these are prevented and stopped.

There was once upon a time in our glorious past where no-one would ever dare to harm a single Muslim, even if he was in the lands of the enemy.

وكنا حين يرمينا أناس نؤدبهم أباة قادرينا

وكنا حين يأخذنا ولي بطغيان ندوس له الجبينا

When people would throw at us, we would discipline them, with resolute and strength. And when a leader would take control, with tyranny, we would trample on his forehead.

There was once upon a time in our history, when Muslims had oppressive rulers, they oppressed their own people, yes! But when a foreign kāfir would attempt to harm a single Muslim or woman or child, the armies would mobilize and it would be considered a declaration of war, and it would shake the Muslim rulers to such an extent that unprecedented force would be used in response! We mentioned so many times the stories of Al-Hajjāj and Al-Mu'tasim and others who mobilized *armies* when a single woman or a few women were transgressed against, and before that and better than that, Rasūlullāh ﷺ who sent an army not for a genocide that's quickly reaching 15,000 Muslim victims, but for a woman— a woman who was dishonored.

Rasūlullāh ﷺ himself led the army and ousted an entire Jewish tribe for a woman, Bani Qaynuqa' were powerful, they weren't weak, they had weapons and forces and military tactics, but the Messenger ﷺ didn't take any of that into consideration when a single woman was transgressed against and dishonored. The Messenger ﷺ didn't say *they're too strong, we can't face off with them*."

When Jihād is under the pure banner of Tawhīd, and it is to protect the Muslims, their land, their lives, and their honor, the result is:

وَكَانَ حَقًّا عَلَيْنَا نَصْرُ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

And incumbent upon Us was support of the believers.

[Surat Al-Rūm : 47]

The result is:

وَمَا ٱلنَّصْرُ إِلَّا مِنْ عِندِ ٱللَّهِ

And there is no victory except from Allāh

[Surat Aāli Imrān : 126]

The result is:

إِن تَنصُرُواْ ٱللَّهَ يَنصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ

If you help (in the cause of) Allāh, He will help you, and make your foothold firm

[Surat Muhammad : 7]

In nearly all major battles, with decisive victories for the Muslims, the Muslims were outnumbered, outpowered. Victory is not for whoever is [more] powerful. Victory is not in the hands of the Soviets or the US or Iran or China, victory is from Allāh سبحانه وتعالى. If Allāh gives you victory, no one can defeat you! And if Allāh سبحانه وتعالى let's you down, no one can help you.

إِن يَنصُرْكُمُ ٱللَّهُ فَلَا غَالِبَ لَكُمْ ۖ وَإِن يَخْذُلْكُمْ فَمَن ذَا ٱلَّذِى يَنصُرُكُم مِّنۢ بَعْدِهِۦ

If Allāh helps you, none can overcome you; and if He forsakes you, who is there after Him who can help you?"

[Surat Aāli Imrān : 160]

The rule on victory is very simple. Victory goes whoever is to the one who is أتقى — to the one who fears Allāh more. If there's no أتقى, it goes to the أقوى — it goes to the one who is more powerful. It becomes power versus power.

Shaykh 'Abdul Hamid Kishk used to say: *"… and today we re not* أتقى *nor* أقوى*."*

When I was sixteen years old, I was going over a grammar book with Shaykh ‘Abdul Majid Ar-Raymi رحمة الله تعالى from Yemen, we got to the examples for certain grammatical rules, and if I remember correctly I think the chapter was on المصدر. Some of the examples were: يَضْرِبُ ضرْباً ضَرَبَ, I think the other one was قَتْلا قتَلتُه, He paused. He said look, SubhānAllāh, even in the grammar books they were pushing the meaning of ‘Izzah in the hearts of the Ummah. They were pushing ‘Izzah in the hearts of the Ummah through examples on grammatical rules.

It’s not the Fiqh books of Jihād or the Sīrah of Jihād – it was grammatical rules where they push ‘Izzah in the hearts of the Ummah! When Muslims were merely threatened, the tone of honor in the glorious past was:

من هارون أمير المؤمنين إلى نفقور كلب الروم

قد قرأت كتابك يا ابن الكافرة، والجواب ما تراه لا ما تسمعه

“From Hārūn Ar-Rashīd to Nikfūr (Nikephoros), The leader of the Believers to Nikfūr, the roman dog. I read your letter O son of a kāfirah. And the answer will be one that you see, and not one that you hear.”

The leader of the romans sent a letter to Hārūn threatening him. Harun said: I read your letter, and the answer will be what you see, not what you hear — for merely a threat.

Not for a massacre and a genocide. Today many of the Ummah, إلا من رحم الله — except whom Allāh has mercy on, see the verses of Jihād in the Qur'ān and the Sunnah, the verses of qitāl in the Qur'ān and the Sunnah, like some sisters see the verses of polygamy (i.e., they hate it, avoid it, try to reason how it’s not practical nowadays, etc).

The entire ummah looks forward for fasting, they love fasting Ramadān. It’s one of the biggest symbols in Islām, one that Muslims look forward to, evident in the preparation and happiness and the positive change in the mood regarding it.This becomes very apparent anywhere you go.

Allāh سبحانه وتعالى said:

كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ ٱلصِّيَامُ

Fasting is ordained on you

[Surat Al-Baqarah : 183]

They look forward for it because Allāh سبحانه وتعالى said: *Fasting is ordained on you*. The same One who said fasting is ordained on you, also said:

كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ ٱلْقِتَالُ

Jihād is ordained upon you

[Surat Al-Baqarah : 216]

You can't say wAllāh I love fasting, it's good! So, I'm going to take it and I'm going to believe in it and I'm going to practice it. But Qitāl and Jihād, no I'm not going to believe in that.

أَفَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِبَعْضِ ٱلْكِتَٰبِ وَتَكْفُرُونَ بِبَعْضٍ

"So do you believe in part of the Scripture and disbelieve in part?"

[Surat Al-Baqarah : 85]

The recent events exposed how the Jews of the Qiblah want people enslaved to their rulers. They want to take people from being slaves of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى, to being submissive slaves to the Tawāghīt. Their idea of Tawhīd; When they say Tawhīd, it's to take people from the shirk of the graves – which they keep repeating, and correctly so, because it can't be emphasized enough – but they want to take you out of that shirk, into the shirk of the palaces. Islām came to honor mankind by being the slaves of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى, and they come to submit mankind to their Tawāghīt.

The obedience to the *Muslim* rulers is when they're Muslim, and their commands are in obedience to Allāh and His Messenger.

Allāh said:

يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوٓاْ أَطِيعُواْ ٱللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُواْ ٱلرَّسُولَ وَأُوْلِى ٱلْأَمْرِ مِنكُمْ

O you who believe, obey Allāh سبحانه وتعالى ***and obey the Messenger*** ﷺ
and those who are in authority.

[Surat Al-Nisā' : 59]

Obey Allāh أطيعوا الله, And obey the Messenger ﷺ وأطيعوا الرسول, And those in authority وأولوا الأمر منكم. أطيعوا was omitted when Allāh سبحانه وتعالى said وأولوا الأمر منكم. The term أطيعوا (obey) was omitted from وأولوا الأمر منكم. Obedience to Muslim rulers is when they're obedient to Allāh سبحانه وتعالى.

The continuation of the verse stresses that:

فَإِن تَنَٰزَعۡتُمۡ فِي شَيۡءٖ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى ٱللَّهِ وَٱلرَّسُولِ

"So if you differ in anything amongst yourselves, refer it to Allâh and His Messenger."

If you defer in a matter, refer to the rulers? — If you defer in anything, refer to Allāh and His Messenger if you believe in Allāh and the Judgement Day!

Let me tell you how filthy these degenerate Jews of the Qiblah are. Them, their Shuyūkh, and their leaders. After the US invaded and occupied 'Irāq, just like the Zionist occupied Palestine, there's no difference. The US appointed Lewis Paul Bremer as a leader in 'Irāq. They occupied the country and put him as the leader there. Do you know there was some of the Jews of the Qiblah who considered Lewis Paul Bremer a legitimate leader you can't rebel against? They said you can't fight without the imām's permission, talking about the situation there. They issued fatwas that America was there to liberate and not to occupy, and they said that you should not rebel against the leader. Their Wali Al-Amr was Bremer. That's not random! The head figure of theirs who said it back then, was back then among the most popular Shuyūkh of the Jews of the Qiblah. He was on their media day and night and he was among the closest advisers to their leaders back then. He was constantly mentioned in their media programs, and likewise on the pulpits.

Even one of the most prominent heads of the Murji'ah rejects in Jordan was asked in 2015 about the situation in Palestine, and he said: You can't fight Jewish settlers because they provide you with gas, electricity and give you jobs. Someone said to him: Shaykh, what about the Jewish soldiers with weapons? He said the same thing: They provide you with gas electricity and give you jobs.

You see why I tell you they re rejects? You see why I label them with that? When the war in Afghanistan was blessed by America against the Soviets in the 80s and 90s, the fatwas supporting Jihād were pouring in like rain. The khutab were inviting people to go to Jihād, the money was openly collected for Jihād and the Mujāhidīn. You used to go to any Saudi airline branch, and say I'm going to Pakistan to go fight in Afghanistan – they'd say half the ticket is off. The ones who returned to visit their families were heroes, because America blessed it. When it's not blessed by America, the fatwa is: "It's fitnah, stay away, they're khawārij!" To scare the Ummah from them. The examples of their betrayal are too many to mention.

Now let's fast forward a little bit, there's a genocide going on in Palestine. But it's not new. It's been going on for 80 years. It's not two months old.

The Muslims in Palestine have been facing constant genocides for the past eighty years. Shootings, killings, bombings, raping – in the recent years alone, just take Gaza by itself. Gaza alone hasn't recovered from back to back massacres in 2009, 2012, 2014, in '18, in '19, 2021, and today. I don't think no one but Allāh سبحانه وتعالى, knows the amount of massacres in Haifa alone in 1947 and 1948. The Abu Shūsha Massacre, the Deir Al-Yassīn massacre. Ariel Sharon may Allāh سبحانه وتعالى curse him, led back to back massacres in the '50s. Khān Yūnus, Kufur Qāsim, Sabra and Shatīla. Constant massacres and genocides. Constant confiscations of Muslim lands for the past 80 years. Rape and violation of women by the Aqsā and elsewhere, ongoing – for the past 80 years. Men, women, and children are taken as prisoners daily, families and towns are evacuated, farms are destroyed, for 80 years, families are evicted and their houses are constantly being levelled. Livelihoods destroyed – for 80 years they've been denied the most basic necessities of life. That's been going on for 80 years, nonstop.

The Shar'i fiqhi term for defending oneself is called, Jihād ad-Daf', i.e., defensive Jihād. The Jews of the Qiblah, the murji'ah rejects think the Ummah, needs the permission of one of the Tawāghīt to defend itself from the occupiers. That's a principle they have. They made everything about their rulers! A genocide in Gaza won't trigger them but a word about their leaders will. Leaders who brought the filthy tarfīh, the filthy entertainment and concerts *while* the people of Gaza were being massacred. They replaced the Shari'ah of Allāh and they took as allies the enemies of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى. Allāh سبحانه وتعالى gave permission for those transgressed against, to defend themselves! They don't need the permission of any filthy ruler in the UAE or the filthy rulers in Bilādul Haramayn, or any other ruler for that matter!

أُذِنَ لِلَّذِينَ يُقَٰتَلُونَ بِأَنَّهُمْ ظُلِمُواْ ۚ وَإِنَّ ٱللَّهَ عَلَىٰ نَصْرِهِمْ لَقَدِيرٌ

"Permission to fight is given to those who are fought against, because they have been wronged; and surely, Allah is Able to give them (the believers) victory."

[Surat Al-Hajj : 39]

Allāh gave them permission to defend themselves. This verse is in the context of self-defense. When Allāh سبحانه وتعالى gives permission, you'd don't need the permission of anyone else.

Ibn Taymiyyah رحمه الله تعالى said about this self-defense Jihād:

فلا يُشطر له شرط

There are no requirements for it.

They falsely claimed to follow Muhammad Ibn ‘Abdil Wahhāb when his grandson ‘Abd Ar-Rahmāh Ibn Hasan had the most firm, solid statements refuting this claim of theirs. Just like Ibn Hazm and many other ‘Ulamā.

Some of the Jews of the Qiblah began to join in with the liberals and allege such verses are specific to the Messenger ﷺ, and that’s because they lack the basic ABCs of tafsīr.

57 Muslim countries, 22 ‘Arab ones, surrounding Palestine, some literally a stone-throw away, nearly a half a billion ‘Arab soldiers surrounding the enemies with billions spent on them, and they can’t mobilize to stop a genocide, or nourish the thirsty innocent throats of our children from the Nile that’s owned by Muslims just a few kilometers away?! What have these rulers done but protect the borders and interests of the enemies? Establish pure Shar’īah in Gaza today and watch 86 countries mobilize and invade it.

Allāh سبحانه وتعالى sends Ibtilā’āt (trials) and amongst their wisdoms is to expose the Munāfiqīn:

مَّا كَانَ ٱللَّهُ لِيَذَرَ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَىٰ مَآ أَنتُمْ عَلَيْهِ حَتَّىٰ يَمِيزَ ٱلْخَبِيثَ مِنَ ٱلطَّيِّبِ

Allah will not leave the Believers in the state in which you are now, until He distinguishes the wicked from the good.

[Surat Aāli Imrān : 179]

They want the Ummah to seek permission to defend themselves from leaders who are publicly indulging in normalization with the enemy himself – and that’s what’s over the table, what’s been going on under the table is much worse.

“But don’t forget, talk about the good our leaders do! They’ve expanded Al-Masjid Al-Nabawi! They’ve expanded Al-Masjid Al-Harām! They’re handing out Qur’āns and printing them! They’re making Hajj easier!”

Little do they know that saving the precious life of one child in Palestine or one child or one woman or one man in Yemen or in 'Irāq or elsewhere is incomparably more important than the expansion of the physical structure of the Haram all the way down to China!

The Ka'bah being destroyed and the Earth along with it is less significant before Allāh سبحانه وتعالى than the killing of a single child in Gaza. The killing of a Believer is more grievous before Allāh سبحانه وتعالى, than the extinction of the whole world.

When Quraysh made the same arguments the Jews of the Qiblah make today: "*We re providing for the pilgrims! We re giving them water! We re maintaining the Haram*!" Allāh سبحانه وتعالى rebuked them:

أَجَعَلْتُمْ سِقَايَةَ ٱلْحَآجِّ وَعِمَارَةَ ٱلْمَسْجِدِ ٱلْحَرَامِ كَمَنْ ءَامَنَ بِٱللَّهِ وَٱلْيَوْمِ ٱلْـَٔاخِرِ وَجَٰهَدَ فِى سَبِيلِ ٱللَّهِ ۚ لَا يَسْتَوُۥنَ عِندَ ٱللَّهِ ۗ وَٱللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِى ٱلْقَوْمَ ٱلظَّٰلِمِينَ

Do you consider the providing of drinking water to the pilgrims and the maintenance of Al-Masjid Al-Harām as equal to the worth of those who believe in Allāh and the Last Day, and strive hard and fight in the Cause of Allāh? They are not equal before Allāh. And Allāh guides not those people who are the wrong-doers.

[Surat At-Tawbah : 19]

Don't you ever compare providing water to the pilgrims and managing the Haram to those who believe in Allāh سبحانه وتعالى and The Last Day and do Jihād in the Path of Allāh, wherever they are, wherever they may be.

Just so you understand, normalization with the Yahūd means recognizing the occupier state of Israel and their sovereignty. It is recognizing that the occupiers in Palestine have the right to exist on the occupied Muslim lands over the Muslim bodies. Normalization with the Yahūd, in a nutshell, is Walā' to the occupying Kuffār. Don't ever compare this treason and betrayal of those filthy leaders to any treaty that the Messenger ﷺ had. And I've spoken about that in a detailed series in the past.

Hardships like this purify the ranks. They expose the Munāfiqīn and they teach lessons, lessons that really should be obvious. It's about time the Muslims, especially the youth in the West – it's time for them to understand what should already be known: that the kāfir west, particularly the US, are enemies of Muslims. If you're burning inside in anger and hate for what the Zionists are doing – and you should be if you're Muslim – but then you turn around and love America and the kāfir west, then know with certainty that you have double standards. The [death] toll is quickly reaching 15,000, a third of them are children, and the numbers might be much greater than that and Allah Knows Best. The US is stingy in giving our children some time for a *temporary* ceasefire to catch their breath before the next wave of attack comes their way.

The US and the kāfir west claim to be protective over their children, but when the victims are Muslim children, it's okay to commit massacres on hospitals and schools! I'm not talking about what the occupiers are doing, the US itself justifies it and fully supports it. When it comes to Muslim children, it's okay to fry our kids! It's not only weapons that they're exporting to fry our children, nor is it [just] political and financial support, but there's even American foot soldiers fighting and inspiring the Yahūdi soldiers in Palestine. Did you not see the American soldier in Palestine giving a rousing speech to the Yahūdi soldiers telling them that they want to burn Gaza to the ground and to drop explosives on the people of Gaza that will, in his words لعنة الله عليه, scare the Almighty God? May Allāh curse him. That's what the kāfir west and their democracy stand far. This what them, their human rights, Biden, and America have to offer Muslims.

The foundational Barā'ah from the kuffār is founded on the principles of Tawhīd — on Wala' and Bara' — It's because of their kufr that we have Bar'ā̄ah from them. Our Barā'ah from them is due to their kufr even if they didn't kill a single Muslim. It's based on Aqidah, and I've given many detailed classes on this. Of course, those who are hostile to Muslims are worthy of even more hate. America is a vicious enemy of Muslims. It's among the top nations in the history of the earth who have crimes against Muslims. Yesterday, I was with a brother and he showed me a clip of a police dog in a veterinary hospital due to having cancer, and he's walking an honorary walk. Police on the left and right saluting the service dog with cancer because he's in his last days, dying, and they're crying. Crying over their dogs while massacring our children. I would be disrespecting animals if I said their values and standards are like animals.

أُوْلَٰٓئِكَ كَٱلْأَنْعَٰمِ بَلْ هُمْ أَضَلُّ

"Those are like cattle; rather, they are more astray!"

[Surat Al-A'rāf : 179]

When one of their children gets a bruise or there's a mere rumor that he's been spanked, you know what the child protective services does, but to charcoal 5,000 of our Muslim children, that's okay! 5,000 children charcoaled in scenes that makes a sane person go insane — scenes that melt and traumatize hearts for the rest of one's life! But they have no hearts when it comes to our children. While we must have Barā'ah from the kuffār, we likewise know that we don't oppress them or treat them with injustice. Our Barā'ah has its rules and regulations, unlike them. Their Western democracy, especially the United States, and their '*freedom*,' along with their values is nothing but a urinary for their dogs! I ask you, by Allāh, if you were to take – not 5,000 kids – but what would happen if you were to take 5 American dogs in your backyard and burn them alive? What would the government and media do? What would the American public do?

The media coverage on that might overshadow the Gaza genocide. '*How dare you burn American dogs*?' American dogs are more worthy to them than the pure innocent hearts that beat with لا إله إلا الله محمدرسول الله. Everywhere in the world, not just in Gaza.

For those who attribute themselves to this Ummah who love and call for democracy – know that the century of democracy is a century filled with the massacring of Muslims. Seeking victory from an enemy, like the US, Europe, the United Nations, the European Union, the Arab States, or the Gulf League — seeking help and victory from them is a dishonor and defeat. Going to them for help is like a drowning man clutching on a straw. Everyone seems to have the right to defend themselves except the Muslims.

In junior high they taught us the United States' War of Independence, the American Revolution, a war that was fought for 8 years so that America can gain their freedom and independence. They taught us in their schools, that George Washington was a hero! Why was George Washington a hero? Because he led an army that secured the independence of the United States. They gave 70,000 of their people up for this cause, some who died in the battlefield, some from diseases, and some as prisoners of war. Till this day, they honor them and they remember them, they have monuments in their honor, they have memorial days to remember them and celebrate them! They're heroes to them! When Muslims want to liberate their lands and raise the banners of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى and defend the lives of the Muslims, they're criminals and terrorists – and sadly, many of the so-called Muslims before the West see that as that as well.

The United States seeks to apply the laws their forefathers founded their country on, exactly how they believe their forefathers intended it to be – but when Muslims want to apply the Shari'ah of Allāh in their countries, the law of our forefathers, the laws that they founded those countries on – they're considered extremists and fundamentalists. Welcome to the double standards of the kāfir West.

It's about time we understand the proper meaning and path to victory. In Sahīh Muslim, a man asked the Messenger ﷺ: What do you think, someone comes to take my property. The Messenger ﷺ said: Don't give it to him, don't surrender, don't give in! He [the man] said: What if he fights me? The Messenger ﷺ said: Then fight him! He [the man] said: What if he kills me? The Messenger ﷺ said: Then you are a Martyr.

قَالَ :أَرَأَيتَ إِنْ قَاتَلَنِي؟ قَالَ :قَاتِلْه قَالَ :أَرَأَيتَ إِنْ قَتَلَنِي؟ قَالَ :فَأَنتَ شَهِيدٌ

It's about time the Ummah starts thinking like it should. We're the best Ummah ever raised for mankind. We should be proud of it. And we need to start thinking and acting like it.

We can't keep crying over massacres that happened to Muslims and then when the dust somewhat settles, we forget all about it until the next active genocide or massacre takes place again, and then we rinse and repeat the same process. I strongly advocated and showed proof for the boycotts, and I still do, and I ask Allāh سبحانه وتعالى to reward those who call for it. But this is not the solution. May Allāh سبحانه وتعالى reward everyone who sincerely raised awareness for what's going on in Palestine and elsewhere, and those who refuted the media lies, some of our students were refuting them day and night, may Allāh سبحانه وتعالى reward them. It's no doubt a great effort. But again, it's not the solution. The solution is disliked to many. Allāh سبحانه وتعالىsaid it's disliked!

كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ ٱلْقِتَالُ وَهُوَ كُرْهٌ لَّكُمْ

Jihad is ordained for you though you dislike it.

[Surat Al-Baqarah : 216]

Allāh سبحانه وتعالى said:

قُلْ إِن كَانَ ءَابَآؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَآؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَٰنُكُمْ وَأَزْوَٰجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَٰلٌ ٱقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَٰرَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَٰكِنُ تَرْضَوْنَهَآ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُم مِّنَ ٱللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِۦ وَجِهَادٍ فِى سَبِيلِهِۦ فَتَرَبَّصُوا۟ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِىَ ٱللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِۦ ۗ وَٱللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِى ٱلْقَوْمَ ٱلْفَٰسِقِينَ

Say: If your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your wives, your kindred, the wealth that you have gained, the commerce in which you fear a decline, and the dwellings in which you delight are dearer to you than Allāh and His Messenger, and striving hard and fighting in His Path, then wait until Allāh brings about His Decision (torment). And Allāh guides not the people who are disobedient.

[Surat Al-Tawbah : 24]

If that, or anything similar to that, your college degree, your career, your comfort, your luxury— if any of that is more beloved to you than Allāh سبحانه وتعالى and the Messenger ﷺ, and Jihād, فَتَرَبَّصُوا۟ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِىَ ٱللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِۦ so await for Allāh's torment. If any of that that is mentioned in the verse, if it's more beloved to you than Allāh سبحانه وتعالى and the Messenger – some said this means Hijrah. So, for those in the West, especially in the US, if you're able to leave, then you shouldn't be here. If you're not able to leave for some reason, have the sincere determination and intention to leave at the first chance that you can. If that which is mentioned in the verse is more beloved to you than Allāh سبحانه وتعالى and His Messenger, and Jihād in His Path— what will happen? Then await for the torment of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى.

This torment is in the Dunya and Akhirah! In Sunan Abu Dāwūd, the Messenger ﷺ said – in meaning – when you recline to the Dunya and give up Jihād, Allāh سبحانه وتعالى will make disgrace prevail over you. Disgrace will prevail and disgrace will remain until you return to your original religion.

وتركتم الجهاد سلط الله عليكم ذُلًّا لا يترُعه شيءٌ حتى ترجعوا إلى دينكم

When you leave Jihād, disgrace will prevail. Jihād under the pure banner of Tawhīd, to raise the Word of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى [to be] the most high — which entails protecting Muslim lives, their honor, and their lands.

Ibn Hajar رحمه الله تعالى mentioned that among the major sins is leaving Jihād, and he gave 3 examples/scenarios. He said: It's like when Jihād becomes obligatory. How so? He said like when invaders invade Muslim lands. Or, he said, it's when a Muslim captive is being taken and Muslims are able to go and free him. Or, he said, when people leave Jihād entirely.

If you can't raise your child telling him you want him to grow up to be a Mujāhid and a Shahīd then you're the root of the problem! We talk about the heroism of Khalid Ibn Al-Walīd and Abu 'Ubaydah رضي الله عنهم and the victory of Badr and Al-Ahzāb.
Some shed tears at the stories of 'Umayr Ibn Al-Humām and Anas Ibn An-Nadr, and other Sahāba رضي الله عنهم أجمعين. Anas رضي الله عنه, the man who felt bad that he missed the first battle. He missed Badr! In Uhud he said: Allāh سبحانه وتعالى will see what I will do.

والله لإن أراني الله مشهدًا مع رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم ليرين الله ما أصنع

He advanced towards Uhud giving an oath that he smells the smell of Jannah, and he vigorously fought until he was found after the battle dead with 80 wounds. No one could recognize him but his sister, from his fingertips! When the Messenger ﷺ, before the battle of Badr said: Get up to a Jannah that is wider than the heavens and the earth, 'Umayr Ibn Al-Humām said that if I live to eat these dates, it'll be too long of a life, رضي الله عنهم أجمعين.
You see, those who cry when they hear or remember these stories, and a lot of them shed crocodile tears — why? Why would I say that? Because when someone today talks that talk and walks that walk, they'll refer to him as a radical and an extremist, they may even call the authorities to keep an eye on him.

The Lord of the Sahābah رضي الله عنهم أجمعين and the righteous after them who dominated the globe within less than a century after Allāh سبحانه وتعالى revealed to Rasūlullā ﷺ إِقْرَأ – **He is our Lord**. Their Lord is our Lord! The Qur'an is the Qur'an, and the Sunnah is the Sunnah! What is it that we're doing differently that we can't stop a genocide and a massacre on the Ummah? Don't ever let the Jews of the Qiblah fool you into thinking that Muslims are weak. The Muslim countries are strong and rich, but their leaders enslaved their resources to the enemies. Even if Muslims were very weak, Muslims who have Allāh سبحانه وتعالى with them don't look at numbers and power of the enemy. They have Allāh سبحانه وتعالى with them.

Ibn Al-Qayyim رحمه الله تعالى said: In self-defense, you don't look at the number of the enemies. In Uhud and Al-Khandaq, the Muslims were greatly outnumbered by the enemies yet it was still incumbent upon them to fight and defend themselves. The wind that Allāh سبحانه وتعالى sent to scare the globe away from the Messenger during Al-Ahzab, is the same wind that Allāh سبحانه وتعالى destroyed 'Aad with, and it is the same wind that we breath today.

يَٰٓأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱذْكُرُواْ نِعْمَةَ ٱللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ جَآءَتْكُمْ جُنُودٌ فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ رِيحًا وَجُنُودًا لَّمْ تَرَوْهَا ۚ وَكَانَ ٱللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرًا

O you who believe! Remember Allāh s Favor to you, when there came against you hosts, and We sent against them a wind and forces that you saw not. And Allāh is Ever All-Seer of what you do.

[Surat Al-Ahzāb : 9]

So why is it that invisible wind and the invisible forces from Allāh سبحانه وتعالى are not destroying the enemy? The Tawhīd must be pure. Belief in democracy contradicts Tawhīd. Umar رضي الله عنه and the Sahābi Abu 'Ubaidah رضي الله عنه and the rest of the Sahābah رضي الله عنهم أجمعين — they didn't travel the deserts to irrigate Bilād Al-Shām and Palestine with their blood and sweat and flesh for someone to come 14 centuries later and say they want to rule that country by democracy! Rawāfidh don't ever bring victory to Muslims! If there's any treacherous traitor worse than the Yahūd, it would be the Rawāfidh — And if I had time I would give you a glimpse of the many statements that are in Minhāj As-Sunnah by Ibn Taymiyyah رحمه الله تعالى on how the Rawāfdh consistently betray Muslims, and how they always side with the enemy, and how they helped the crusaders take over Bayt Al-Maqdis; statements that will make you think he was talking about the current day events.

Pure Tawhīd means Palestine is not a nationalistic cause. Palestine isn't for the Arab. Palestine is not for the Palestinians. Palestine is for the Ummah. WAllāh, wAllāhi – if the borders were to have a slight opening, you would see — not the thousands, but hundreds of thousands upon hundreds of thousands of non-Arab Muslims carrying their souls in their hands throwing it in the valleys of death to raise the Name of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى most high, and to liberate holy Muslim lands, inshaAllāh. They'll be in the forefront telling the enemy, **"You got it wrong! Muhammad ﷺ left behind men!"** Your brothers in Kashmir would drop their struggles and head to Bayt Al-Maqdis. Just like your brothers from India, and Indonesia, and Africa, and Bangladesh, and Afghanistan, and Turkey, and Chechnya, and elsewhere.

The head of Chechnya just recently — أخزاه الله – he said in response to the large number of Muslims that want to go to Palestine from his country, he said: "I don't understand why Muslims want to go to Palestine and fight for free when they can go to Ukraine and get paid and get incentives." We're one Ummah. The tone of nationalism needs to vanish out of our hearts, and minds, and tongues – and it belongs nowhere except below our feet. There's no Palestine with the state borders of 1967. That's the tone of the defeatist and surrenderist.

Every milimeter of Palestine must be governed by the Shari'ah of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى. It must be governed by no other than the infallible Laws of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى, of which the country was founded upon to begin withth. The Shari'ah of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى is infallible, it's absolutely perfect, because it's the Qur'an and Sunnah that's from Allāh سبحانه وتعالى. It's been proven, in practice, to be the only laws that work! When the Shari'ah of Allāh governed Bilād Al-Shām, including Palestine, in different intervals in history, during the time of 'Umar رضي الله عنه and afterwards, it was the only era throughout history that Muslims, Jews, and Christians lived in peace. They're the laws that come from the Creator! Who knows best what suits the creation but Allāh سبحانه وتعالى?

أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ ٱللَّطِيفُ ٱلْخَبِيرُ

Does He not know who He has created, while He is the Subtle, the All-Aware?

[Surat Al-Mulk : 14]

Why would anyone exchange what is nobler and better — the Shari'ah of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى for what's pure evil and infinitely worse (i.e., democracy or any man-made laws)?

Let me add a final note, quickly. A Muslim can't be selective in what causes he stands for. A Muslim shouldn't be selective in what causes he raises awareness for.

If a cause is popular, they're going raise awareness for it and they're going to stand up for it; if it's not, they're going to go in the back and stay silent — or worse than that, they'll even go against it. The Messenger ﷺ said in Bukhāri and Muslim, he described the Believers as one body. When one limb suffers, the entire body aches and becomes sleepless with fever.

مثلُ المؤمنين في تَوادِّهم وتَراحُمِهم وتعاطُفِهِمْ مثلُ الجسَدِ إذا اشتكى مِنْهُ عضْوٌ تَداعَى لَه سائِرُ الجسَدِ بالسَّهَرِ والْحُمَّى

The plight of the Muslims in Gaza is like the plight of the Muslims in China. Just like the plight of the Muslims in Kashmir and in India and in Syria and 'Irāq. The prisoners in the US like Aafia Siddiqui, and the other prisoners that are in the dungeons of the Yahūd, are just like the prisoners and sisters who are in the camps and prisons in 'Irāq and Syria. Don't be selective in what cause you stand for when it's Muslims being massacred or oppressed. It's hypocrisy. **It's hypocrisy to weep or be hurt over a Muslim mother who died in the rubble of her house in Gaza embracing her infant, then rejoice at the killing of a mother embracing her infant who was bombed by 86 nations in Baghūz**. In fact, if your aim is to get reward, and that's what it should be, the reward for unpopular, neglected causes is even more! We're one Ummah, one body.

I ask Allāh سبحانه وتعالى that this talk be sincerely for His Sake and that it departs my heart and lands into your heart — especially that it wasn't even planned. The question ended up branching out and Allāh سبحانه وتعالى said:

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ ٱللَّهُ مِيثَٰقَ ٱلَّذِينَ أُوتُواْ ٱلْكِتَٰبَ لَتُبَيِّنُنَّهُۥ لِلنَّاسِ وَلَا تَكْتُمُونَهُۥ

(And remember) when Allāh took a covenant from those who were given the Scripture to make it known and clear to mankind, and not to hide it.

[Surat Aāli Imrān : 187]

I ask Allāh سبحانه وتعالى to delight our eyes and hearts with the ultimate victory of liberating Palestine and all Muslim lands that are occupied, and to establish the Shari'ah of Allāh سبحانه وتعالى within them.

اللهم انصر إخواننا في فلسطين .اللهم اجبر كسرهم واشف مرضاهم وتقبل شهدائهم .اللهم عليك بأعدائك أعداء الدين.
اللهم رد عنا كيدهم وزُل دولتهم وأذهب عن أرضك سلطانهم ولا تدع لهم سبيلًا على أحد من عبادك المؤمنين .اللهم أرنا في الصهاينة ومن عاونهم ومن أيدهم ما يشفي قلوب المؤمنين .اللهم لا ترد لنا دعاء ولا تخيّب لنا رجاء وأنت أرحم الراحمين.

وصل الله على سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه وسلم